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1. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR MADE CALL SEPTEMBER 9 (EARLIEST DATE AVAILABLE) ON LENNART KLACKENBERG, UNDER SECRETARY OF MFA RESPONSIBLE FOR AID MATTERS. KLACKENBERG RECEIVED EMBASSY REPRESENTATION AS PER REFTEL IN FRIENDLY MANNER AND INDICATED THAT GOS WAS ACTIVELY DISCUSSING SUBJECT MATTER BOTH WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND WITH OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES. HE COULD PROVIDE THEREFORE ONLY PRELIMINARY VIEWS, WHICH FOLLOW.

2. GOS, HE SAID, HAS SOME PROBLEMS OF A POLITICAL NATURE AND HIS GOVERNMENT PROBABLY COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN AN INDOCHINA AID GROUP, WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE A COVER TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO GVN. WITH RESPECT TO LAOS, HE SAID HE GOT THE DISTINCT IMPRESSION FROM HIS RECENT TRIP TO THAT COUNTRY THAT THE LAO GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER HAVING A SEPARATE DONOR GROUP, I.E. DISASSOCIATED FROM THE INDOCHINA GROUP FOR OTHER COUNTRIES. HE COULD NOT POINT HOWEVER TO ANY SPECIAL STATEMENT MADE BY LAO OFFICIALS. REGARDING NORTH VIETNAM, SOURCE THOUGHT DRV WOULD DECLINE PARTICIPATION IN A SUBGROUP SINCE DRV IS NOT A MEMBER OF IBRD. HE SAID THAT POSITION OF GOS THEREFORE WAS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THE ONE SET FORTH DURING THE OCTOBER 1973 DISCUSSIONS WITH RESPECT TO FORMING AN INDOCHINA DONOR GROUP. GOS HOWEVER HAS MOVED A LITTLE TOWARD TAKING A MORE POSITIVE POSITION, I.E. TO THE EXTENT THAT SOMETHING MIGHT BE DONE SEPARATELY FOR LAOS.

3. KLACKENBERG SAID THAT WHETHER THE GOS WILL WISH TO DISCUSS THE INDOCHINA DONOR GROUP MATTER DURING THE WASHINGTON MEETING OF THE IMF/IBRD DURING SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 4 OR AGAIN IN PARIS ON OCTOBER 17 HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED. PERHAPS NO DECISION WILL BE REACHED BEFORE THEN. HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT GOS WILL ABSTAIN FROM PARTICIPATION IN ANY INDOCHINA DONOR GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

4. ALTHOUGH KWXCKENBERG WAS PROVIDING ONLY PRELIMINARY VIEWS, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT GOS VIEWS WILL COINCIDE WITH HIS. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT GOS WOULD TAKE OBSTRUCTIONIST ACTIONS ON FORMATION OF INDOCHINA DONOR GROUP; ON OTHERHAND, WE CAN'T EXPECT GOS SUPPORT.
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